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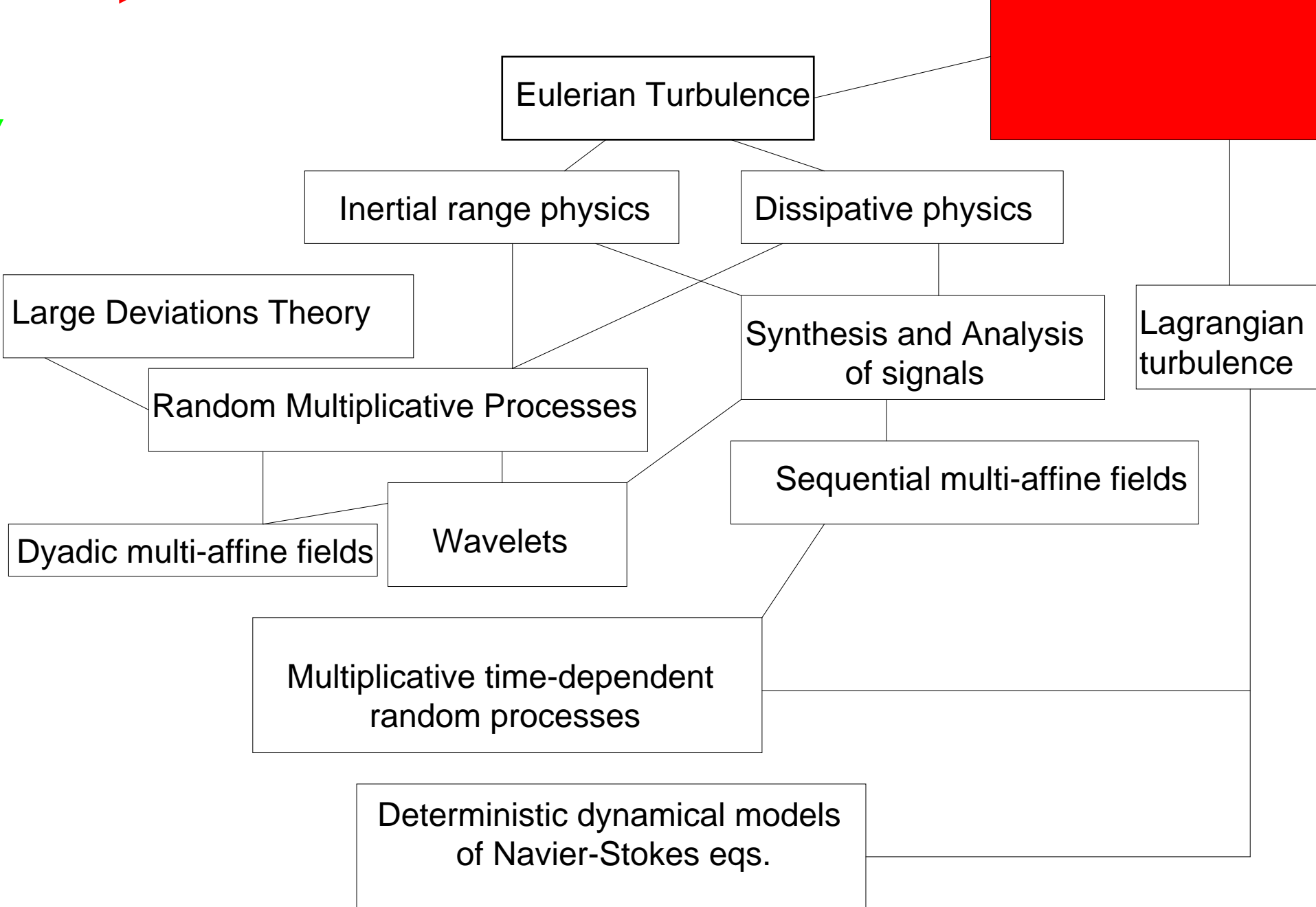
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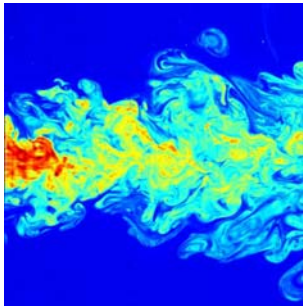


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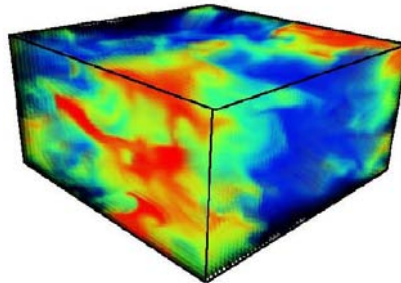


$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \partial_t \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{v} = -\nabla P + \nu \nabla^2 \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{f} \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} = 0 \\ + \text{boundary conditions} \end{array} \right.$$

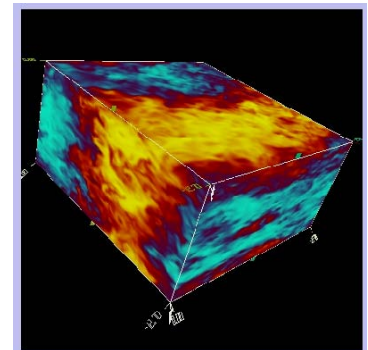
Kinematics + Dissipation are invariant under Rotation+Translation



Turbulent jet



3d Convective Cell



Shear Flow

**Small-scale statistics: are there universal properties?**

Ratio between non-universal/universal components at different scales

# Physical Complexity

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{v} = -\nabla P + \nu \nabla^2 \mathbf{v} \\ \partial_t \bar{v} + \bar{v} \cdot \nabla \bar{v} = -\nabla \bar{P} + \frac{1}{Re} \nabla^2 \bar{v} \end{cases}$$

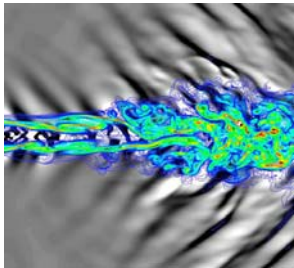
$Re : \frac{U_0 L_0}{\nu}$  Reynolds number  $\sim$  (Non-Linear)/(Linear terms)

• Fully Developed Turbulence:  $Re \rightarrow \infty$

Strongly out-of-equilibrium non-perturbative system



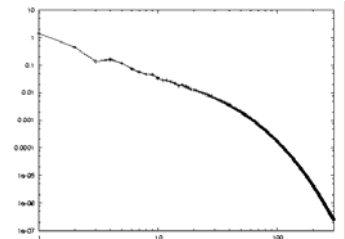
$$\lim_{\nu \rightarrow 0} \epsilon = \nu \langle (\nabla \mathbf{v})^2 \rangle \rightarrow \text{const.}$$



Many-body problem

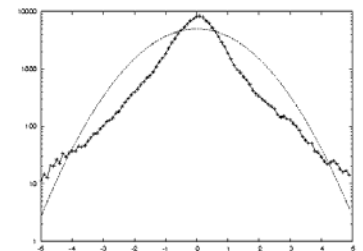
• Power laws:

$$\#_{dof} = \left(\frac{k_0}{k_\eta}\right)^3 \propto Re^{9/4}$$



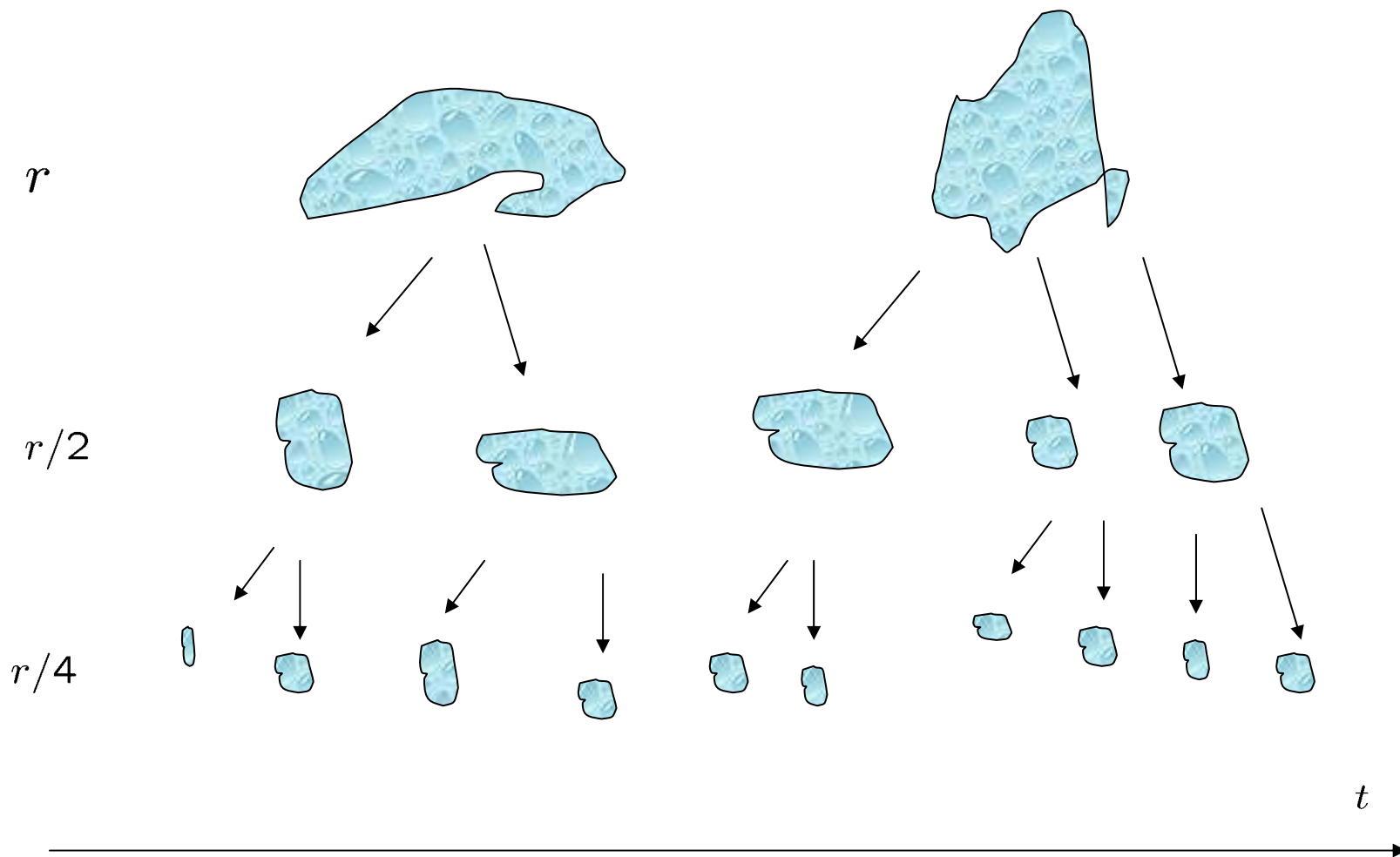
Energy spectrum

• Small-scales PDF strongly non-Gaussian



acceleration

# spatio-temporal Richardson cascade



$$\delta \mathbf{r} v^{\alpha}(t) = v^{\alpha}(\mathbf{x}, t) - v^{\alpha}(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{r}, t)$$

$$S_n^{\bar{\alpha}}(\bar{\mathbf{r}}, \bar{t}) = \langle \delta \mathbf{r}_1 v^{\alpha_1}(t_1) \cdots \delta \mathbf{r}_n v^{\alpha_n}(t_n) \rangle$$

$$\partial_t v + v \cdot \partial v = -\partial P + \cancel{\nu \partial^2 v} + \cancel{f}$$

$$\begin{aligned} v' &\rightarrow \lambda^h v \\ x' &\rightarrow \lambda x \\ t' &\rightarrow \lambda^{1-h} t \end{aligned}$$



$$\forall h$$

### Scaling invariance in the Inertial Range

Third order longitudinal structure functions:

$$S_3(r) = \langle (\hat{r} \cdot \delta \mathbf{r} \mathbf{v})^3 \rangle$$

$$\boxed{S_3(r) = -\frac{4}{5} \epsilon r + 6\nu \frac{dS_2(r)}{dr} + O(r^3)} \rightarrow h = \frac{1}{3}$$

EXACT FROM NAVIER-STOKES EQS.

Kolmogorov 1941

$$S_p(r) = \langle (\hat{\mathbf{r}} \cdot \delta \mathbf{r} \mathbf{v})^p \rangle \sim \epsilon^{p/3} r^{p/3}$$

Logarithmic local slopes

$$\frac{d \log(S_p(r))}{d \log(S_3(r))} = \frac{p}{3}$$



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Local slope of 6th order structure function  
in the isotropic sector, at changing Reynolds and  
large scale set-up.



Exp.	Configuration	$A$	$\eta$	$R_\lambda$	$u'/U$ (%)	$l_w/\eta$	$f_a/f_\eta$	Ref.
1	swirling flow	10 cm	2.5-50 $\mu\text{m}$	200-5000	20-40	0.1-3	0.5-5	[2]
2a	jet	20 cm	0.28 mm	428	26	2.5	7	[3]
2b	wind tunnel	10 cm	0.35 mm	3050	7	1.2	3	
3	jet	1 cm	7 $\mu\text{m}$	580	25	3	7	[4]
4a	cylinder	6-10 cm	0.2-0.5 mm	100-300	15	1-2.5	7	[5]
4b	jet	10 cm	0.1 mm	800	30	5	7	
5a	jet	7.5 cm	0.095 mm	810	16	2	1	[6]
5b	grid	17 cm	0.19 mm	530	8	1	1	
6	jet	4-8 cm	22-48 $\mu\text{m}$	240-330	20-25	0.6-1.3	—	[7]
7	grid	4 mm-1 cm	100-250 $\mu\text{m}$	35-110	1.5-8	3-10	1-3	[8]

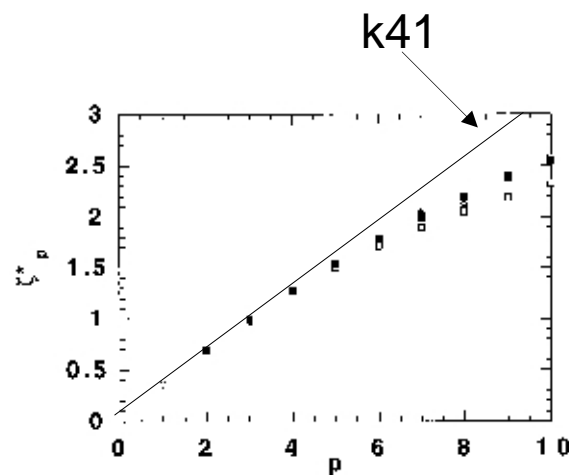


Fig. 3. – Evolution, with  $p$ , of the structure function exponents  $\zeta_p^*$ , for different experiments:  $\square$  exp. 1 (the exponents are found independent of  $R_\lambda$ ),  $\times$  exp. 2a,  $\bullet$  exp. 2b,  $\blacklozenge$  exp. 3,  $\blacksquare$  exp. 5a,  $\blacktriangle$  exp. 5b,  $\circ$  exp. 6,  $+$  exp. 7.

## Simple Eulerian multifractal formalism

“local” scaling  
invariance

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \delta_r v \sim v_L \left(\frac{r}{L}\right)^{h(x)} \\ \langle (\delta_r v)^p \rangle_x \sim \int dh \left(\frac{r}{L}\right)^{hp} P_r(h) \end{array} \right.$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} D(h) : \text{Fractal dimension of the set } \{\mathbf{x} : \delta_r v \sim r^{h(\mathbf{x})}\} \\ P_r(h) \sim r^{3-D(h)} \end{array} \right.$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \langle (\delta_r v)^p \rangle \sim \int dh \left(\frac{r}{L}\right)^{hp} \left(\frac{r}{L}\right)^{3-D(h)} \sim r^{\zeta(p)} \\ \zeta(p) = \min_h (hp + 3 - D(h)) \end{array} \right.$$

What about PDF?

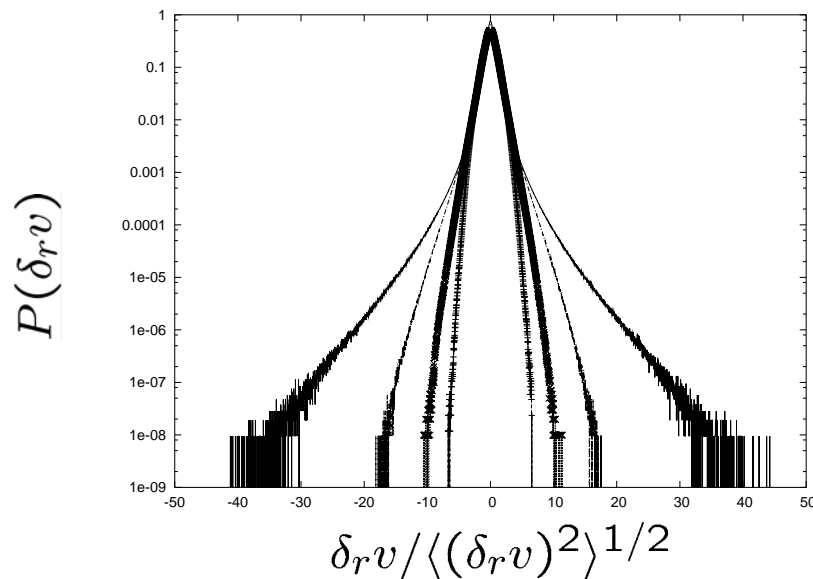
$$\delta_r v \sim v_L \left(\frac{r}{L}\right)^h$$

Experimental results tell us PDF at large scale is close to Gaussian

$$P(v_L) \sim \exp\left(-\frac{v_L^2}{2}\right)$$

$$P(\delta_r v) \sim \int dh \left(\frac{r}{L}\right)^{3-h-D(h)} \exp\left(-\frac{(\delta_r v)^2}{2(r/L)^{2h}}\right)$$

Superposition of Gaussians with different width:

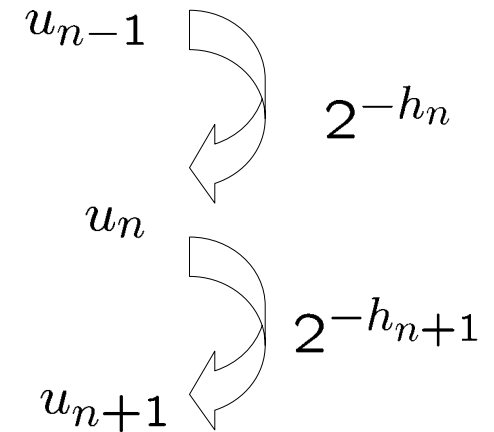
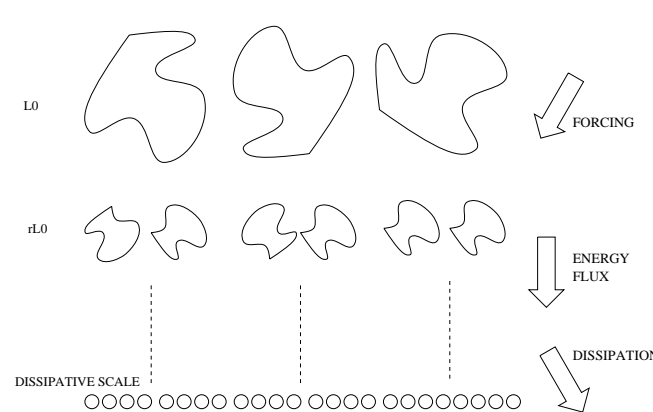


How to derive  $D(h)$  from the equation of motion?

Physical intuition of  $D(h)$ : the result of a random energy cascade

$$r_n = 2^{-n}L$$

$$u_n = \delta_{r_n} v$$



$$u_n = 2^{-h_n} u_{n-1}$$

Large deviation theory

$$u_n = (\prod_{i=1}^n 2^{-h_i}) u_0 \equiv 2^{-n(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n h_i)} u_0$$

$$P(h = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n h_i) \sim 2^{-nS(h)}$$

$$\langle u_n^p \rangle \sim u_0^p \int dh \left( \frac{r_n}{L} \right)^{hp+S(h)}$$



**! Scaling is recovered in a statistical sense, no local scaling properties !**

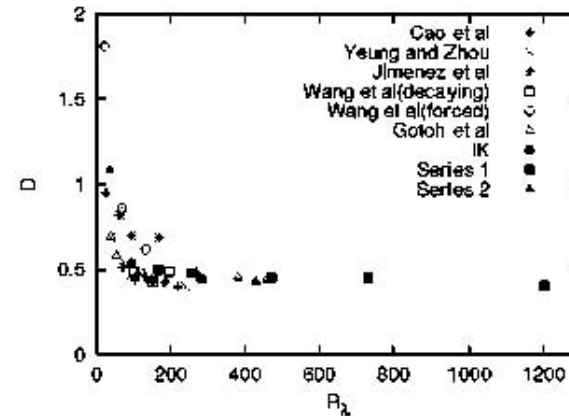


Looking for other physical observable: the physics of dissipation

Energy dissipation is Reynolds independent:  
Dissipative anomaly

$$\lim_{Re \rightarrow \infty} \equiv \lim_{\nu \rightarrow 0}$$

$$\epsilon = \nu \langle (\partial v)^2 \rangle \rightarrow const.$$



How to derive the statistics of gradients within the multifractal formalism?

$$Re(r) = \frac{r \delta_r u}{\nu}$$

$$v \cdot \partial v \sim \nu \partial^2 v \longrightarrow Re(\eta) \sim O(1) \longrightarrow \frac{\eta \delta_\eta u}{\nu} \sim O(1)$$

$$\delta_\eta v \sim v_L \left(\frac{\eta}{L}\right)^h \longrightarrow \eta^{1-h} \sim \nu L^h / v_L$$



Dissipative scale fluctuates





## 2 consequences:

- Intermediate dissipative range

$$\eta_{min} < r < \eta_{max}$$

$$\langle (\delta_r v)^p \rangle \sim \int_{h_{min}(r)} dh \left(\frac{r}{L}\right)^{hp} \left(\frac{r}{L}\right)^{3-D(h)} \sim r^{\zeta(p,r)}$$

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- Statistics of gradients highly non trivial

$$s = \frac{\delta_\eta v}{\eta} \qquad s = v_L \eta^{h-1} / L^h$$

$$P(s) = \int dh dv_L P_\eta(h) P(v_L)$$

$$P(s) = \int dh \left(\frac{\nu}{s}\right)^{y(h)} \exp\left(-\frac{\nu^{1-h} s^{1+h}}{2\langle v_L^2 \rangle}\right)$$

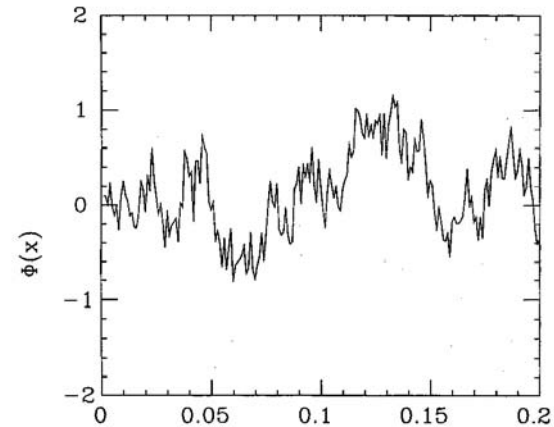
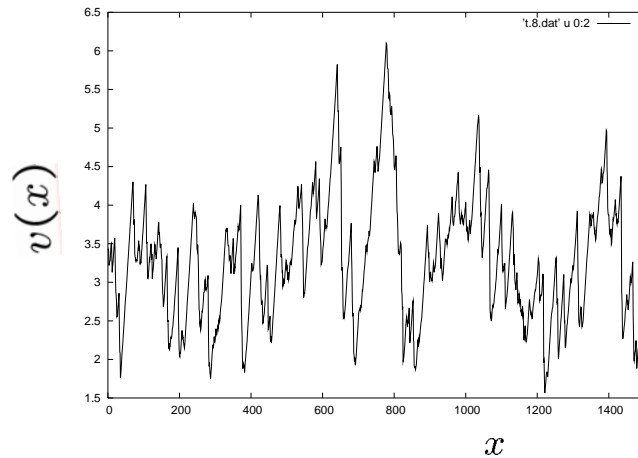
$$y(h) = \frac{4-[h+D(h)]}{2}$$

$$\star \quad \frac{s}{\langle s^2 \rangle^{1/2}} > 1 \quad \star$$

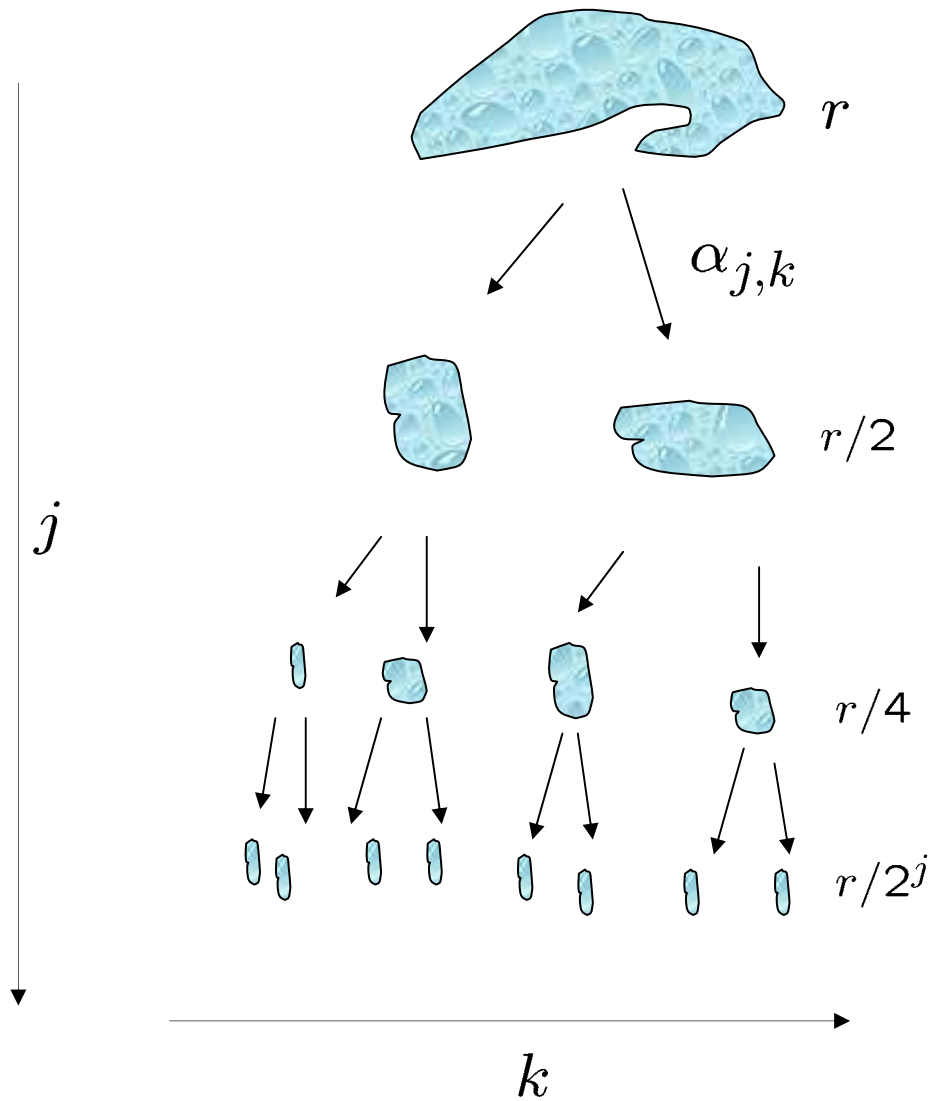
$$\langle s^p \rangle \sim Re \zeta(p)$$

# Synthesis & Analysis

- How to build a multifractal field with prescribed scaling laws
- How to distinguish synthetic and real fields



# Richardson cascade: random multiplicative process

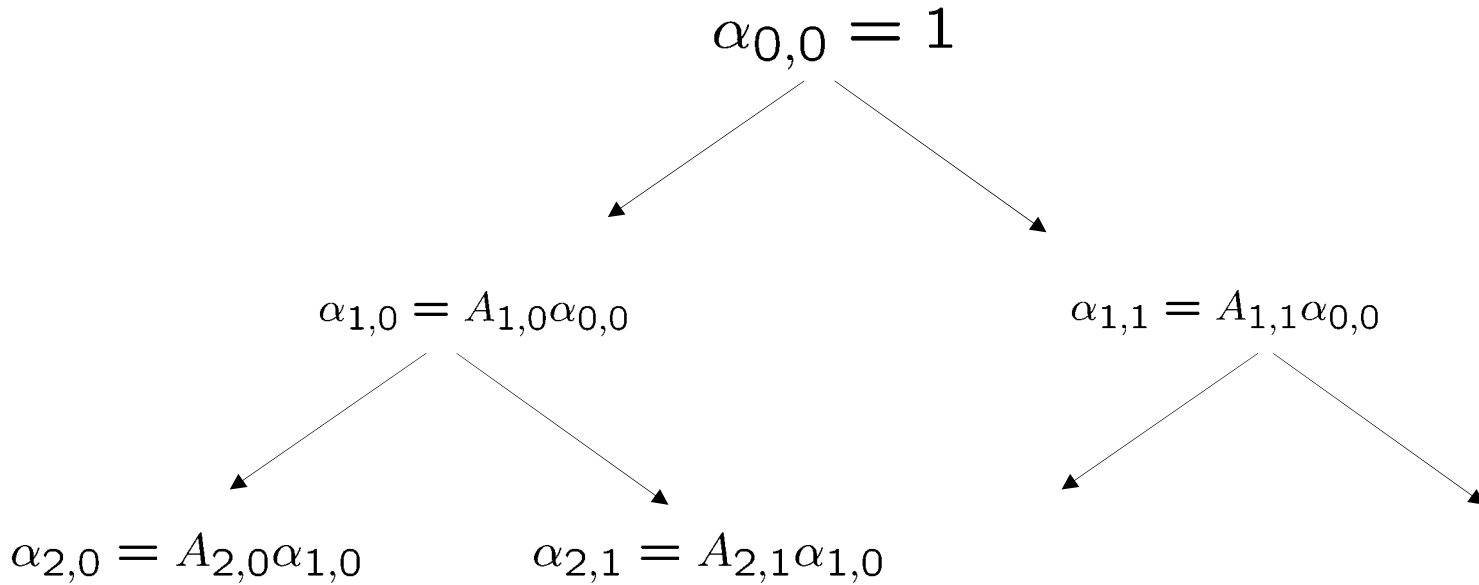


$$v(x) = \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} \sum_{k=0}^{2^j-1} \alpha_{j,k} \psi_{j,k}(x)$$

$$\psi_{j,k}(x) = 2^{j/2} \psi(2^j x - k)$$

$$\langle |v(x+r) - v(x)|^p \rangle \sim r^{\xi(p)}$$

$$\xi(p) = -\frac{1}{2}p - \log_2(\langle A^p \rangle)$$



**Multiplicative uncorrelated structure**

$$\langle |\alpha_{j,k}|^p \rangle = \langle A^p \rangle \langle |\alpha_{j-1,k}|^p \rangle = 2^{j \log_2(\langle A^p \rangle)} \langle |\alpha_{0,0}|^p \rangle$$

$$\langle |v(x+r) - v(x)|^p \rangle \sim r^{\xi(p)}$$

$$\xi(p) = -\frac{1}{2}p - \log_2(\langle A^p \rangle)$$

$$S_2(r) = \langle (v(x+r) - v(x))^2 \rangle$$

$$S_2(r) = \langle \sum_{j,k} (\alpha_{j,k} 2^{j/2} (\psi(2^j x + 2^j r - k) - \psi(2^j x - k)))^2 \rangle$$

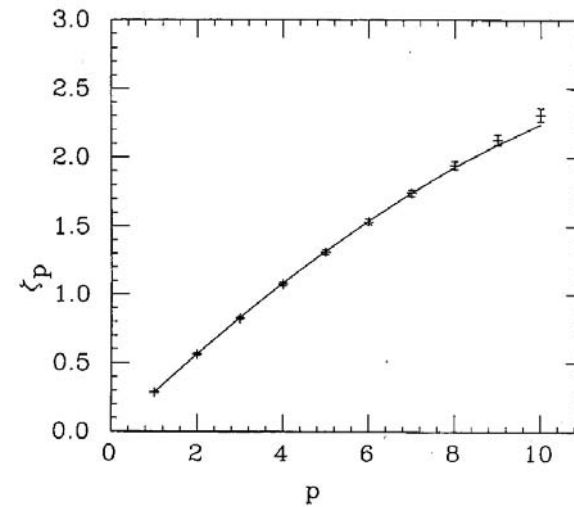
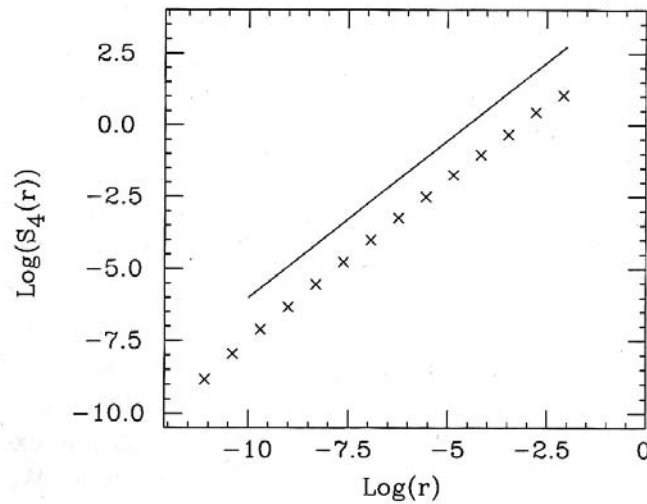
+ Spatial Ergodicity

$$S_2(r) = \sum_{j,k} 2^j \langle \alpha_{j,k}^2 \rangle \langle (\psi(2^j x + 2^j r - k) - \psi(2^j x - k))^2 \rangle$$

$$G_2(r) = \int dx (\psi(x+r) - \psi(x))^2 \quad S_2(r) = \sum_j 2^j \langle \alpha_{j,k}^2 \rangle G_2(2^j r)$$

$$S_2(2r) = \sum_j 2^j \langle \alpha_{j,k}^2 \rangle G_2(2^{j+1} r) = \sum_j 2^{j(1+\log_2(\langle A^2 \rangle))} G_2(2^{j+1} r)$$

$$S_2(2r) = 2^{-(1+\log_2(\langle A^2 \rangle))} \sum_j 2^{(j+1)(\log_2(\langle A^2 \rangle)+1)} G_2(2^{j+1} r) = 2^{-(1+\log_2(\langle A^2 \rangle))} S(r)$$

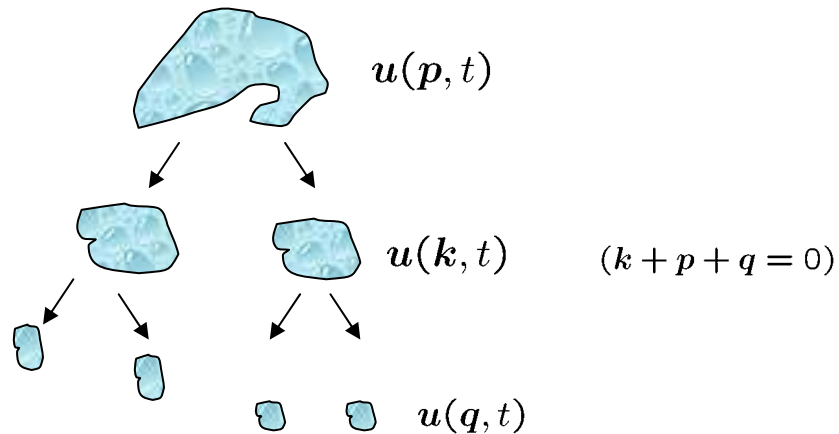
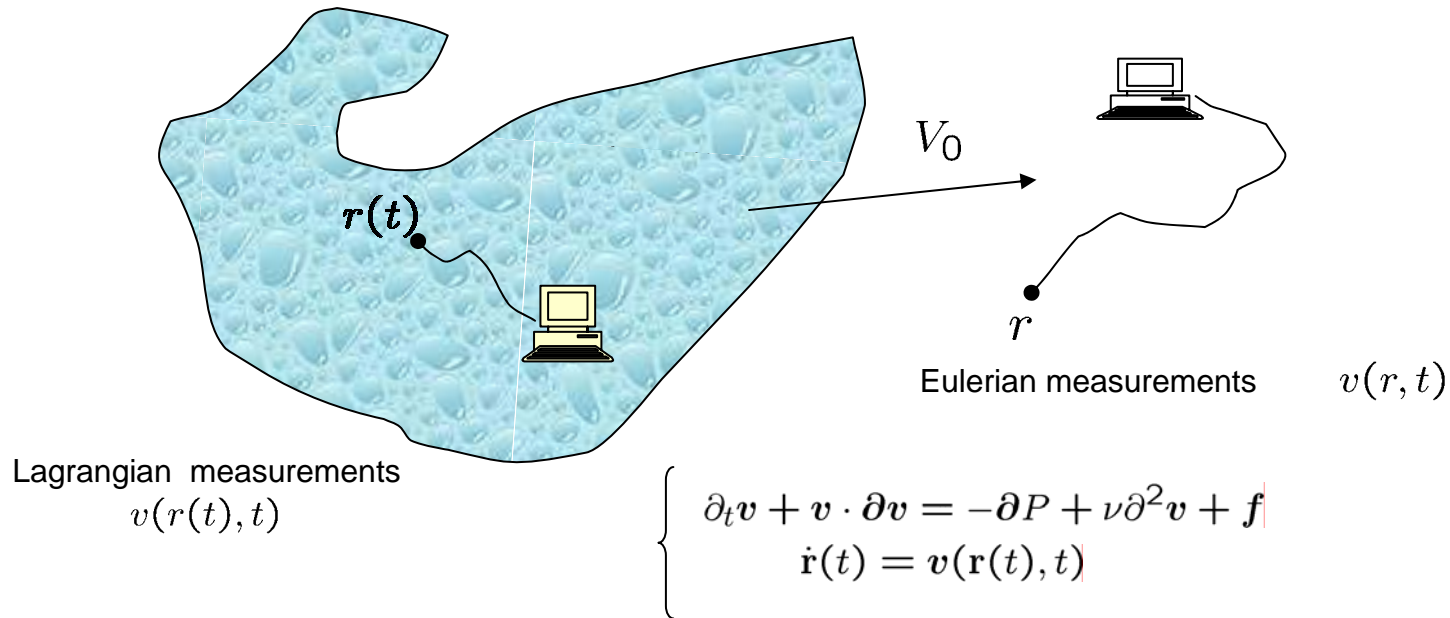


$$\langle |v(x+r) - v(x)|^p \rangle \sim r^{\xi(p)}$$

$$\xi(p) = -\frac{1}{2}p - \log_2(\langle A^p \rangle)$$

- Physics of dissipation easily implemented by changing distributions of multipliers
- What about 2d and 3d fields: possible theoretically, much more hard numerically
- What about divergence-less fields: same as before
- What about temporal and spatial scaling? Where are the Navier-Stokes eqs?

# Wavelets, Multiplicative processes, Diadic structure and time properties



## Constraint from the equation of motion

$$\partial_t u(k) \sim (k \cdot u(p))u(q)$$

$$\tau^{-1}(k) \sim k u(k, t)$$

Fluctuating local eddy-turn-over time

# Simple multifractal formalism

## Eulerian vs Lagrangian

Eulerian:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \delta_r v \sim r^h \\ P_r(h) \sim r^{3-D(h)} \end{array} \right. \quad \begin{array}{l} \langle (\delta_r v)^p \rangle \sim \int dh r^{hp} r^{3-D(h)} \sim r^{\zeta_E(p)} \\ \zeta_E(p) = \min_h (hp + 3 - D(h)) \end{array}$$

Lagrangian

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \delta_\tau v \equiv v(r(t+\tau), t+\tau) - v(r(t), t) \sim \tau^{\frac{h}{1-h}} \\ \tau^{-1} \sim \delta_r v / r \sim r^{h-1} \end{array} \right. \quad \begin{array}{l} \langle (\delta_\tau v)^p \rangle \sim \int dh \tau^{\frac{hp+3-D(h)}{1-h}} \sim \tau^{\zeta_L(p)} \\ \zeta_L(p) = \min_h (\frac{hp+3-D(h)}{1-h}) \end{array}$$

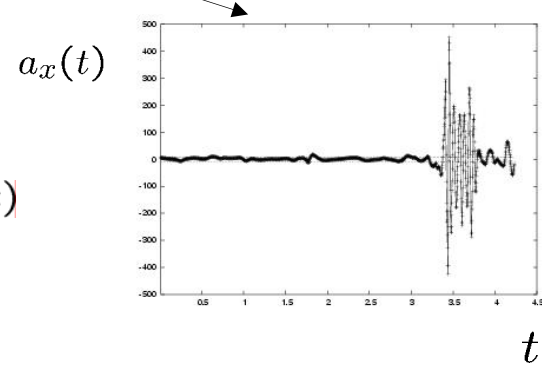
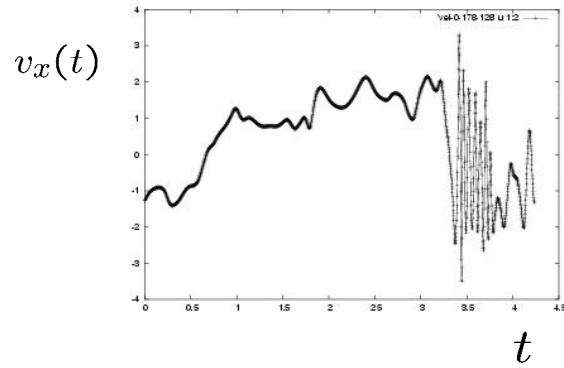
$$S_n^{\bar{\alpha}}(\bar{r}, \bar{t}) = \langle \delta_{r_1} v^{\alpha_1}(t_1) \cdots \delta_{r_n} v^{\alpha_n}(t_n) \rangle \quad \text{Multi-particle}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} v(t) = \sum_n u_n(t) \\ u_n(t) = x_1(t)x_2(t) \cdots x_n(t) \\ dx_j(t) = -\frac{1}{\tau_j} \frac{dV}{dx_j} dt + \sqrt{2/\tau_j} dW_j \end{array} \right\} \xrightarrow{\text{Needing for "sequential" multifractal functions/measures}} \langle (\delta_\tau v)^p \rangle \sim \tau^{\zeta_L(p)}$$

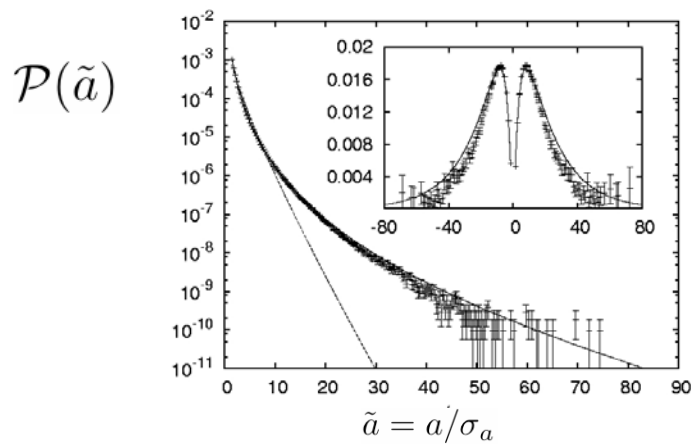


# High resolution for following particles

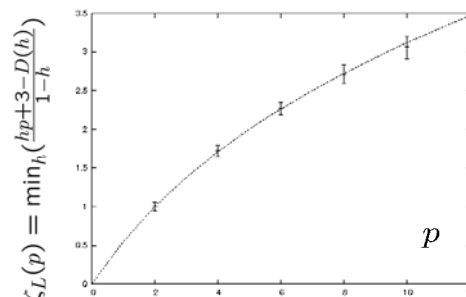
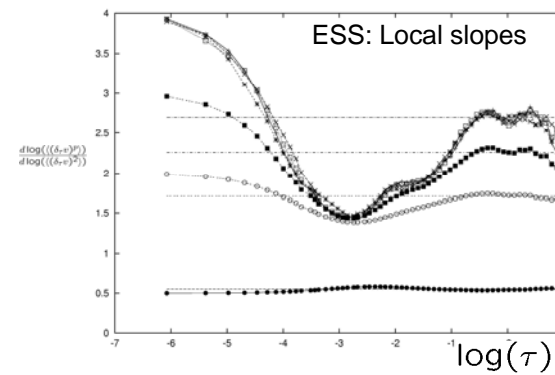
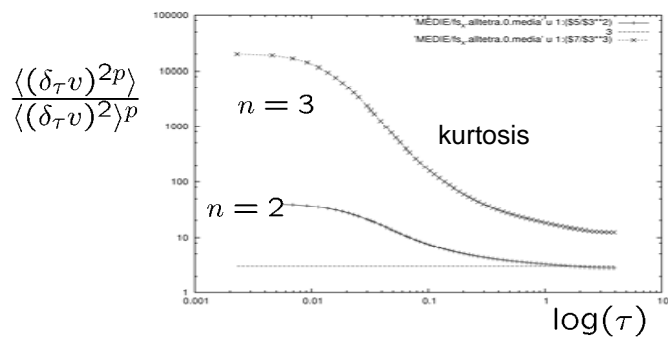
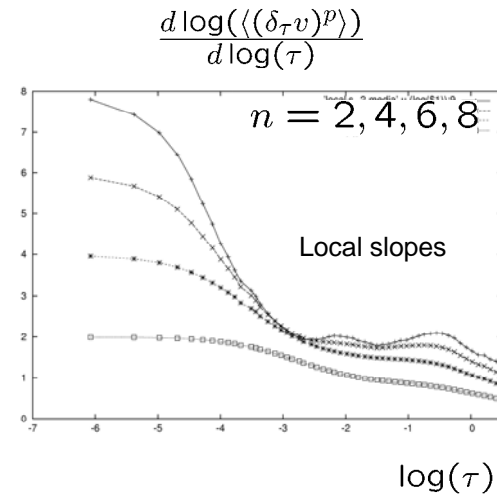
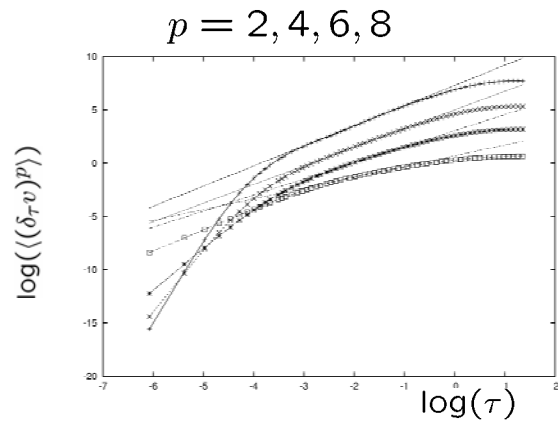
Typical velocity and acceleration

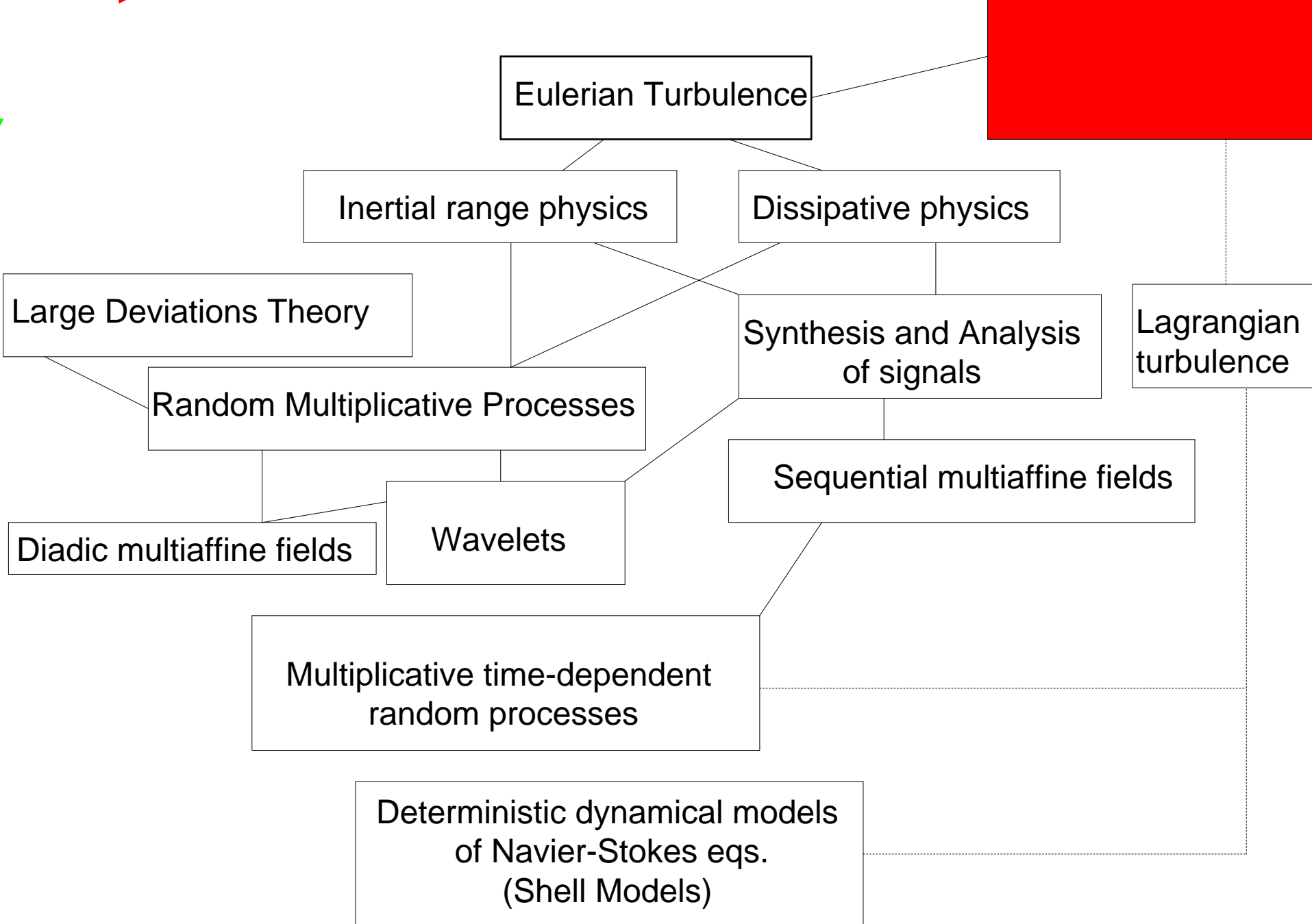


$$\dot{\mathbf{r}}(t) = \mathbf{v}(\mathbf{r}(t), t)$$



# Single particle statistics





# Personal view on “Modern issues in turbulence and scaling”

## Multi-time multi-scale correlation functions:

$$S_n^{\bar{\alpha}}(\bar{\mathbf{r}}, \bar{t}) = \langle \delta \mathbf{r}_1 v^{\alpha_1}(t_1) \cdots \delta \mathbf{r}_n v^{\alpha_n}(t_n) \rangle$$

Synthesis with the correct properties? Wavelets?  
Analysis considering different geometrical configuration  
connections with NS eqs. ?

[Shell Models of Energy Cascade in Turbulence](#). L. Biferale *Ann. Rev. Fluid. Mech.* **35**, 441, 2003

## Inverse structure functions, i.e. exit time statistics

$$\langle R(\delta v)^p \rangle \sim (\delta v)^{\chi(p)}$$

A way to characterize “laminar velocity fluctuations”:

2d turbulence,  
2-particles diffusion,  
Pick of velocity PDF in FDT

[Inverse Statistics in two dimensional turbulence](#) L. Biferale, M. Cencini, A. Lanotte and D. Vergni  
*Phys. Fluids* **15** 1012, 2003.

## Sub-leading correction to scaling: anisotropy, non-homogeneity ...

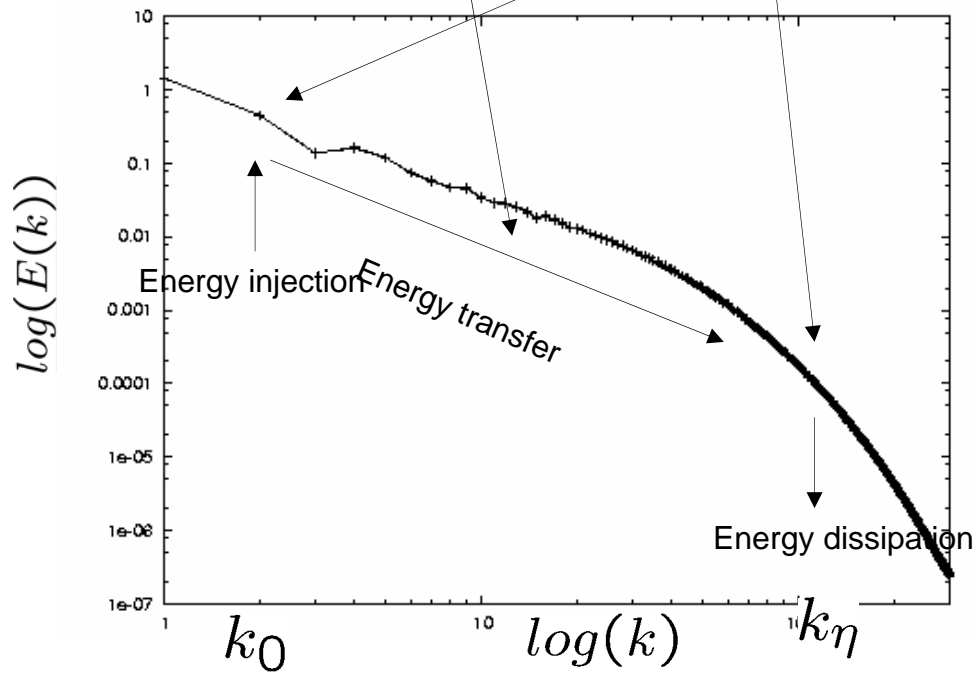
Are the corrections universal?  
Quantify the leading/sub-leading ratios  
Phenomenology of the anisotropic fluctuations: is there a cascade?  
Connection to NS eqs.

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$$\partial_t \hat{v}(k) + k \sum_{p,q} \hat{v}(p) \hat{v}(q) = \nu k^2 \hat{v}(k) + \hat{f}(k)$$



$$E(k) = \int_{\mathbf{k}=k} d\mathbf{k} \langle |u(\mathbf{k})|^2 \rangle$$

$$k_0 < k < k_\eta$$

Inertial range of scales

